



AN ADDRESS

To the Farmers and Ginners of Arkansas.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., June 21, 1898.
To the Farmers and Ginners of Pine Bluff Territory:

Owing to many reclamations and claims for damage made against American cotton, extensive experiments have been made in various Southern states during the past season having in view the adoption of a uniform gin box and mode of packing cotton. The idea has been to get an ideal, uniform bale which would save money to the farmer and be an advantage all round. Experiments in the Galveston territory resulted in saving from 70 to 95 cents per bale in freight alone; this was done by using a gin 24x54 inches in size; ties weighing 45 lbs to the bundle of 30, and bagging weighing 2-4 lbs to the yard and well sewed at the ends.

This matter has now been taken up by the transportation companies, insurance men, ginners' associations, cotton buyers, compresses and cotton exchanges in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas, and they are sending out circulars urging the farmers and ginners of those states to bale their cotton as above described. They urge that had this been done during the past season the South would have saved \$5,500,000.00, of which \$800,000 would have come to Arkansas. From the unanimity of the movement to adopt the 24x54 inch gin box we are satisfied the farmers and ginners of Arkansas will be at a decided disadvantage if they do not adopt the same. Ship owners say the ribs of their vessels are 30 inches apart and the 24x54 bale when compressed will fit closely between the ribs, the cotton will be more dense, therefore, they can carry such cotton at a much cheaper rate. Insurance men say that the 24x54 inch bale will have such a density when compressed and a shape which will fit so closely in the ships that danger from fire will be much less, therefore they can lower insurance rates considerably. Cotton buyers say that a 24x54 in. bale will suffer no damage from wagon wheels, will be well covered by the bagging and will come into market in such improved condition that they can pay more for it, getting as they will lower insurance and freights and having less claims against it. Compress men say that they can press the 24x54 inch bale to a density of 35 to 40 lbs per cubic foot, covering the bale better and lowering both freight and insurance.

All these things will put money in the farmer's pocket.

In consideration of these facts, we, the undersigned planters, ginners, cotton buyers, factors and merchants of Pine Bluff, urge the ginners of our territory to make their gin boxes 24x54 inches; this change where necessary can be very easily made, and at an average cost not exceeding \$8; we also advise farmers to patronize ginners who use a 24x54 inch box.

We also approve and endorse the action taken upon this subject by the state convention of planters, ginners, cotton buyers and compress men held at Little Rock on May 23. We would earnestly request every ginner receiving a copy of this circular to notify S. Geisreiter, of Pine Bluff, of his intention to make his gin box 24x54 inches.

Leo Andrews, E. T. Wilkins, Louis Altheimer, S. Blumenthal, L. Roth, & Co.



FLAG OF THE PHILIPPINE INSURGENTS.

GEN. AGUINALDO, PHILIPPINE INSURGENT LEADER.

A REPUBLIC PROCLAIMED

Under the Protection of the United States.

NEW YORK, July 1.—The Journal bulletins a dispatch from Cavite which says Gen. Aguinaldo has proclaimed the Republic of the Philippines under the protection of the United States and approved by Great Britain and Japan.

SANTIAGO HAS FALLEN

The Spaniards Reported to Have Surrendered to Gen. Shafter's Army.

NEW YORK, July 1. (2:30 p. m.)—A dispatch received here states that Santiago has surrendered.

WASHINGTON, July 1, (9 a. m.)—After 24 hours of silence, the wires from Gen. Shafter's army began humming last night with dispatches to the War department. The department will not divulge anything, but it is certain a battle is being fought.

WASHINGTON, July 1, (10 a. m.)—A dispatch just received from Shafter says the battle of Santiago is on, and that the American army is meeting with victory. He states that he will advise Washington as soon as the city is taken.

TROOPS FOR SHAFTER.

Four Thousand Reinforcements Start From Tampa.

TAMPA, July 1.—Four thousand troops left today to reinforce Gen. Shafter's army at Santiago.

STAMP TAX LAW.

EFFECTIVE TODAY JULY 1.

Judge Trieber Explains The Operations Of The New Law.

Arkansas Gazette

The stamp tax law, which becomes effective today, is not generally understood; indeed, there appears to be a good deal of ignorance on the subject. A Gazette representative called on United States District Attorney Trieber and solicited an expression from him in order to throw as much light as possible on the matter and prevent people violating the law unintentionally.

Said Judge Trieber:

"I am not permitted to give official advice to any but officers of the government, but I have no objections to stating that on and after July 1, every check, draft or order for the payment of any money, whether drawn on banks or others, must have a stamp affixed to it before it can be delivered or received by any person, the stamp must also be cancelled, either by stamping or writing upon it the initials of the person affixing it and the date. A failure to affix the stamp or to cancel it is an offense punishable by fine and imprisonment."

"How about the bank or the person on whom the order is drawn affixing the stamp?"

"Until the stamp is affixed the order cannot be paid, but the drawee may affix it and cancel it; but this would not relieve the drawer of the check or order, who delivered the same without the stamp, from the penalties of the law and to be on the safe side no man should ever deliver an order for money to any person, unless it is stamped."

"Will not that subject a great many people to prosecution, who really have no intention to violate the law?"

"Undoubtedly many good people will undoubtedly violate the law, but I shall instruct every United States commissioner in the district to issue no warrants, except the facts are first submitted to me, and until the people have had full opportunity to become familiar with the provisions of the law. I shall not cause them to be prosecuted, unless I am convinced that the violation was intentional."

"How about state, county or city warrants; must they be stamped?"

"No. The internal revenue commissioner has just ruled that any orders, warrants or checks issued under the laws of the state and in the exercise only of functions strictly governmental are exempt from stamp duty."



Every woman should realize that her health is like a bank account. At the outset she has so much deposited to her credit in the bank of health. If she draws out more than she puts in she will soon overdraw her account. An over-drawn account in the bank of health means one of two things, a life of hopeless suffering or an early death.

The woman who neglects her health in a womanly way is making big drafts on her account with the bank of health and will soon be a physical bankrupt. Disorders of this description wreck a woman's general health quicker than anything else in the world. They soon transform a healthy, happy, amiable woman into a weak, sickly, fretful and despondent invalid. They utterly unfit a woman for wifehood or motherhood. For all disorders of this nature Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best of all medicines. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs concerned in maternity, giving them health, strength, vigor and elasticity. It relieves pain, allays inflammation, checks debilitating drains, and quickly subdues all other symptoms. It at once stops the dragging pains and sinking spells, the nervousness, the digestive disturbances and other complications that arise from the same cause. Taken during the months of expectant maternity, it banishes the usual discomforts and makes baby's advent easy and almost painless. It insures the new-comer's health and a plentiful supply of nourishment. Thousands of women have testified to its marvelous merits. An honest dealer will not suggest an inferior substitute for the sake of extra profit.

People Who Think Quickly

never get left, Moral: When in want of anything

THE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE

will be the means of having it brought to you quickly, it is

A UNIVERSAL MESSAGE;

the voice that's heard from shore to shore, the

SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO.

NOBLE WOMAN GONE.

Death of Mrs. C. H. Lewis, After a Lingerin Illness.

Mrs. C. H. Lewis died at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at her residence on Twentieth and Scott streets, after a lingering illness of several months. She had suffered intensely, and all medical skill had been exhausted in an attempt to restore her to health. The notice of funeral will be given later.

Mrs. Lewis was a most noble and estimable woman, whose loss will be deeply felt by a wide circle of friends. Three children—Rollin, aged 16, Weller, aged 13, and Miss Emily, aged 18,—survive her and mourn the loss of a devoted mother. Her husband, C. H. Lewis, one of the city's best-known real-estate men, died two years ago.—Arkansas Democrat.

The deceased was well known in Pine Bluff and her many friends here will be grieved to learn of this good lady's death.

Gunther's famous chocolates and bonbons at Mitchell's, only, 208 Main street. 11 15 t

WILL OPEN AUGUST.

Wilson and Cleveland Minstrels Will

Be The First Attraction At

The Opera House.

The Opera house is being renovated and improved and will present a beautiful appearance when finished. Manager Senyard has booked the Wilson and Cleveland big minstrel show for the opening night, August 30. This minstrel company is one of the strongest of its kind on the road. The company will give two separate performances in one night, with the one price of admission.

The opera season this year promises to be a good one, and with an improved new play house and some standard attractions, Pine Bluff will be "booming 'em some."

Mrs. John W. Fordyce returned yesterday from a brief visit to relatives in Little Rock.

Miss Irene Lescher, a very sweet singer from Little Rock, who has been the guest of Miss Allie Torian, left yesterday for her home.

Miss Elizabeth Sparks, who has been for the past month the guest of Miss Sue Knox, left yesterday for her home in Birmingham.

Mr. George Butterworth will leave tomorrow for his old home near Liverpool, England, "to be gone the rest of the heated term."

The freight offices of the Cotton Belt and Iron Mountain Ry's will be closed July 4th on account of national holiday. H. BRINGMAN, Agt. Cotton Belt, H. B. MIZELL, Agt. Iron Mt. Ry.